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Rewald attorneys vow to fight contempt charges

By Walter Wright

Federal Public Defender Michael Levine said yesterday he has hired criminal defense attorney Brook Hart to help him and associate Brian Tamanaha fight criminal contempt charges arising out of the Ronald Re-wald trial wald trial.

"We intend to contest these charges vigorously at the trial and, if necessary, at the appellate level," Leme said.

U.S. District Judge Harold Fong on Tuesday filed contempt charges accusing the two lawyers of ignoring the court's orders that some CIA-related material was not relevant in the trial.

"There's no doubt that in the heat

of battle, in a three-month trial in which all the parties were working long hours and dealing with areas of the law that were nawato all of us, mistakes were made on all sides," Levine said.

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made in those circumstances, but apparently the court didn't feel it could make those allowances.

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